Polygala Senega

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Seneca Snake root.

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PLATE XXX.

The Seneca snake root has attracted so general an attention from the medical public, as to have become an article of exportation to Europe, and one which holds a regular place in the druggist stores. The plant which produces it has nothing to boast on the score of elegance, and little to attract attention independent of its medicinal virtues. It grows in most latitudes of the United States, especially in the mountainous tracts. The specimen, from which our drawing was taken, was gathered on the borders of Lake Champlain.

The genus *Polygala* has *a five leaved calyx, two of the leaves wing like, and coloured. Capsule obcordate, two celled, and two valved.*

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